Exhibit 64:

A.J. Deposition Transcript (redacted)

1 (Pages 1 to 4)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

JOHN DOES A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, MARY DOE and MARY ROE, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Case No. 2:22-10209 Hon. Mark A. Goldsmith

GRETCHEN WHITMER, Governor of the State of Michigan and COL. JOSEPH GASPER, Director of the Michigan State Police, in their official capacities,

Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF: A.J.

WITNESS:

A.J.

LOCATION: Remote Location
DATE: Thursday, May 11, 2023

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Taken remotely in the above-entitled cause, before Stefanie S. Pohl, Certified Shorthand Reporter, CSR 5616, and Notary Public for the County of Clinton.

APPEARANCES:

DAYJA S. TILLMAN, ESQUIRE ACLU of Michigan 1514 Wealthy Street SE, Suite 260 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506-2700 Appearing on Behalf of the Plaintiffs.

SYEDA F. DAVIDSON, ESQUIRE American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan 2966 Woodward Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48201-3035 Appearing on Behalf of the Plaintiffs.

SCOTT L. DAMICH, ESQUIRE
Assistant Attorney General
Michigan Department of Attorney General
State Operations Division
525 West Ottawa Street
P.O. Box 30754
Lansing, Michigan 48909-8254
Appearing on Behalf of the Defendants.

3

8

PAGE:

INDEX

11.0.	
Examination by Mr. Damich	4
Examination by Ms. Tillman	79
Further Examination by Mr. Damich	83
EXHIBITS:	MARKED:
Deposition Exhibit A	10
(Declaration)	
Deposition Exhibit B	53
(Offender reporting document)	
Deposition Exhibit C	58
(tax return)	
Deposition Exhibit D	91
(table)	

Thursday, May 11, 2023
2 8:58 a.m.
Remote Videoconference
4 A. J.
3 a Witness herein, after having first been duly sworn
remotely, testified as follows:
EXAMINATION

BY MR. DAMICH:

Q Good morning, sir. My name is Scott Damich. First of
 all, thanks for taking the time this morning to speak
 with me. I'm an Assistant Attorney General with the
 State of Michigan, and I represent Governor Whitmer and
 Colonel Gasper.
 And I Noticed your deposition in the case called

Does versus Whitmer, and it's case number 2:22-CV-10209 in the District Court in the Eastern District of

Michigan in front of the Honorable Judge Goldsmith.
 There's also what's called a Protective Order in

place. It's meant to protect your identity, and that
is found at ECF number 88. It's page IV 2389-2395.
And, again, that protects your identity.

And, again, that protects your identity.

MR. DAMICH: Madam Court Reporter, could you please confirm that you have read the Protective Order

and signed the Acknowledgement?COURT REPORTER: Yes, I have.

PRS - Pohl Reporting Services (517)243-2695

2

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

2 (Pages 5 to 8)

8

5

MR. DAMICH: Okay. Excellent. Thank you. And will counsel affirm that the person in attendance is in fact Declaration A.J. MS. TILLMAN: I can confirm that this is A.J. MR. DAMICH: Thank you so very much.

6 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. Sir, have you ever been deposed before?

8 A I have not.

1

2

3

4

5

7

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

Q So a couple of things real quick. First of all, you 10 heard me talk about a Protective Order and that's to protect your identity. I want to go over two things. 11 12 First, just the ground rules of a deposition, and which 13 will tie into the reason I bring up the Protective 14

> What's going to happen today is I'm just going to ask you a series of questions, just basically having a conversation. But during that conversation, I don't want to elicit any responses from you that will in any way be able to -- that someone could be able to read this transcript and personally identify you.

> I will do my best to craft my questions in a way that won't elicit those type of answers from you. But to the extent that it does happen, I don't want you to lose any sleep over it because myself and Dayja and Syeda, we will actually go through the transcript to

1 confirm whether -- if there are no -- there's nothing 2 within the transcript that will divulge your identity.

3 So I don't want you to think that we're going to put 4 your name out there in the public sphere by any means. 5

Like I said, today is meant to be a conversation. And what is different about this conversation than normal conversations, of course, is that we have a court reporter here copying down everything that we say. And that's important because it's what we say, not what we do, in reaction to the question.

For example, if I ask you a yes, no question, and the answer is yes, and you shake your head yes, the court reporter can't pick up in her writing the shaking up and down of yes. So we need verbal responses.

Another thing is this: I -- I'm guilty of this at times and that's when I'll ask a question, and you'll start to give an answer, and I'll talk over you. I'm going to do my best to not do that. And I ask that you do the same for me when I ask a question.

The reason being is that, again, back for courtesy of the court reporter here, cross-talk is probably -- I don't know first-hand, but I'm imagining it is a pain to try to record down. So we're going to do our best to help out Stefanie here this morning and not do any cross talk.

7

There's going to be some questions that I'll ask that I'm sure there's going to be some objections made by counsel here that's representing you. Counsel will make -- will make her objections, and then unless if it's a claimed privilege, you still have to answer the question.

Another thing, too, is that because I'm trying to learn facts here, I'm not the expert of those facts, you are. So sometimes I might ask questions that make zero sense to you. Please don't guess what my question is meant to get after. Just say, Scott, I have no idea what you meant by that question, could you please rephrase. You won't offend me, I promise you. And, I'll do my best to make sure to get the question in a way that you understand.

With that said, if you answer a question that I ask you, is it fair to say that you understood the

19 A I guess I'll have to find out based on your questions.

20 Q There we go. All right. Makes sense. But if you do 21 answer the question, I will assume that you understood 22 it. Is that fair?

23 A That's fair.

24 Q Okay. Makes sense. I don't anticipate this deposition 25 taking too long, but it's also not meant to be a

1 marathon or a test of endurance by any means. If you 2 need to take a break, if you -- just for a breather, if

3 you need to go to the bathroom, let me know, even if 4

it's five minutes from now. That's fine. 5 The only caveat to that is that if I have a 6 question asked, that you answer the question before you 7 go ahead and part ways and we take our break. Other

8 than that, I'm fine with however many breaks you want 9 to take. Like I said, I don't anticipate this taking

10 too long this morning.

11 Are you taking any medication or on any substances 12 that will affect your memory or ability to testify 13 truthfully today?

14 A No.

15 Q Okay. Is there anything else that might interfere with 16 your ability to answer questions truthfully and fully

17 today?

18 A No.

19 Q Where are you currently located, sir?

20 A On the Zoom call, you mean?

21 Q Sure. How about this: Are you in the State of 22 Michigan right now?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. Are you in the Eastern -- are you in the Lower 25 Peninsula?

3 (Pages 9 to 12)

9 10 1 A Southeast Michigan. 1 my life. 2 Q Okay. Southeast Michigan, the Detroit Metro area? 2 MR. DAMICH: Okay. Unless there's any 3 A Yes. 3 objection, I'd like to offer this as exhibit --4 Q And it looks like you're in a car; is that correct? 4 Deposition Exhibit A. 5 5 A That's correct. MS. TILLMAN: No objection. 6 6 Q Are you parked at your residence or your workplace? MR. DAMICH: Thanks, Dayja. 7 A I'm parked -- I'm parked near my workplace. 7 (Whereupon Deposition Exhibit A was marked for Q Okay. Is your workplace close to where you live? 8 8 identification.) A About 30, 45 minutes. 9 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. Back to the declaration here, 10 Q Okay. So same general geographical area? 10 it talks about, under number one -- number one there, 11 11 A Yes. it says -- the second sentence, it says: I am 46 years 12 Q Do you remember signing a document that appeared to be 12 old and was convicted of using the Internet to commit a 13 13 a declaration for this case that we had mentioned? crime in 2004. 14 14 A A declaration -- I'm sorry, I don't understand your Do you see that? question. 15 15 A Yes. Q Sure. What I'll do is I'm going to go ahead and share 16 16 Q What crime did you use the Internet to commit? 17 17 my screen real quick. Okay. If you let me know when A I was engaged in a chat. that shows up on your screen? 18 18 Q Why was engaging in -- were you charged for simply engaging in a chat? A I see it, yes. 19 19 20 Q Okay. I'm scrolling down. Do you recognize this 20 A I was charged with engaging in a chat with a minor. 21 document? 21 Q Okay. 22 22 A Law enforcement. Q Okay. And could you describe what this document is? 23 23 Q So you thought that it was a minor, but it was really 24 24 A It's just as you indicated, a declaration, you know, law enforcement? 25 25 based on, you know, my -- things that have occurred in A I was communicating with law enforcement. 12 11 Q When -- during the time you were communicating, did you 1 O Did the minor? 1 think that it was a minor you were communicating with? A They did not. 2 2 3 3 Q And so there were charges that came out of this chat. A I did not initially. Q Okay. Did you at any point determine that it was a 4 4 What were those charges, do you remember? 5 A My conviction, using the Internet to commit a crime. minor? A Yes. Q Was the crime to solicit sex with a minor? 6 6 7 7 Q At what point? A I'm not sure. Based on my crime, I'm not sure if A During the chat, it was disclosed. 8 8 that's exactly what the charge was for. As I 9 Q Did the chat happen just one day or was it over 9 indicated, it was a chat, and there was a meeting multiple days? 10 10 place. So I'm not sure if that's what the perspective 11 11 A Just one day. was or not, to solicit sex or not. 12 12 Q Okay. And then after you learned that the individual Q Okay. Is that the only time you used the chat room? 13 was a minor, did you stop the chat? 13 A I don't understand your question. 14 Q Sure. Did you use -- did you use -- did you engage in 14 A I did not. Q Okay. What was the objective of the chat? 15 any chats before that chat that you -- the charges stem 15 A I do not recall all the details of the chat. I recall 16 from? 16 17 that I was in -- in an adult chat room, and a 17 A I had previous to that, ves. 18 conversation took place. I don't remember all the 18 Okay. And since -- since your conviction, have you 19 details. 19 engaged in chats? 20 20 A I have not. Q Do you remember asking if you would -- to meet up with 21 21 Q Have you used the Internet for sexual gratification at a minor? 22 A That was part of the chat. I don't recall who 22 all? 23 initiated that. 23 A No. Q Okay. Were there any images shared or anything? 24 Q So throughout -- throughout today's conversation, I'm 24

25

going to be -- if it's fair to -- I believe you were

A I did not share any images.

4 (Pages 13 to 16)

14

16

13 1 convicted in, what, 2004, that's correct? A Three years. 2 2 Q Three years? Okay. And then, how long did you live in A Yes. 3 Q So we're going to talk -- if I refer to the Internet 3 that -- in that house? sex crime conviction in 2004, is it fair that you'd 4 A I don't recall. It was several years. 5 5 understand I'm speaking of your conviction in 2004? Q Did you move after your conviction? 6 6 A Yes. A No. 7 7 Q Okay. Before 2004, were you living in Michigan? Q You moved before your conviction? 8 8 A Yes. A I'm sorry, I didn't understand the question. 9 Q Sure. Previously you had testified that you had --Q Were you -- where were you living, without a specific 10 before your conviction in 2004, you lived in a home 10 address, were you in the same -- were you living in the 11 that you owned in southeast Michigan. And I want --11 same location as you are now? 12 12 A No. and the question that I was asking, what I was seeking 13 to get from you is, after your conviction, did you stay 13 Q Where were you living? 14 in that same house or did you move? 14 A I was living in , Michigan. 15 15 A I stayed in the same house. Q Okay. So you were living in southeast Michigan? 16 Q Okay. And are you still in that same house now? 16 Q And did you live in an apartment or a house? 17 17 A No. 18 Q And when did you move from -- when did you move from 18 A House. 19 the house that you were living in when you were 19 Q And did you buy that house? 20 20 convicted, where did you move to? Α Yes. 21 21 Q Okay. And then, did you serve any jail time? I moved to Township. 22 So you moved to southeast Michigan? 22 A No. 23 Q You were placed on probation, correct? 23 A Yes. 24 24 Q Did you -- did you purchase a home? A Yes. 25 25 Q How long did you stay on probation? A No. 15 Q What -- did you rent? your current home, or how long you've lived at your 1 1 2 current home? 2 A Rent free. 3 A 2014. 3 Q Rent free? Could you explain that dynamic to me? 4 A I was living with my parents. Q So then just to make sure I have this -- this clear, 5 5 Q Why did you move from your house -- your previous house after you moved out from your parents' home, you then into your parents' house? 6 purchased a home in southeast Michigan; is that right? 6 7 7 A Because I was terminated from my employer. 8 8 Q And then -- so you lived with your parents. How long Q And that -- and then after that, you purchased yet 9 did you live with your parents? 9 another home in southeast Michigan? 10 10 A I don't recall exactly how long it was. A After I moved out, I purchased only one home in 11 11 Q And then from your parents' house, where did you move southeast Michigan. 12 12 -- did you move somewhere after that? Q Okay. And that's your current home right now? 13 13 14 Q Okay. Sounds good. Sounds good. Thank you. Did you 14 Q And where did you move -- if you could do without saying a township or county name, if you could just 15 finance that purchase? 15 16 say, general geographic location, using the cardinal 16 A Yes. 17 directions of the State of Michigan. 17 Q Do you know an approximation of when you sold your 18 A I was still in southeast Michigan. 18 first home, the one you sold after your conviction? Q Was that a house or did you rent? 19 A I do not recall. 19 20 20 Q After you sold your home, was it your plan to move in A House. 21 21 Q Did you purchase it? with your parents?

25 Q Do you have an approximation of when you moved into

Q Okay. Is that the current home you live in now?

A Purchase.

A Yes.

23

24

25

22

23

24

A It was a discussion, ves.

Q Okay. And then when you decided to move out of your

houses to purchase or did you find a house right away?

parents' home, did you -- did you look at a lot of

5 (Pages 17 to 20) 17 18 1 A I did a search to find a home. I didn't find one right Q Is it fair to say that you did not struggle to find a 2 2 place to live because of your conviction? 3 3 Q Do you remember how long it took you to find a home? A No. 4 A I do not recall. 4 Q Why not? 5 5 A Because prior to living at my parents' home, I was told Q Was it a few months? 6 A I mean, it -- the house took several months to -- to I could not rent on my own because of my sex offender 7 7 build. 8 Q So you built a home? Q Did you attempt to rent from anywhere? 8 9 A I talked to several landlords that indicated I could A Yes. 10 10 Q Okay. So when you were living with your parents, did not because I'm on the registry. you ever seek to -- to move out before you decided to 11 Q Is it your understanding to get on the registry you 11 12 purchase your home? 12 have to be convicted of a listed offense? 13 A I'm not sure I understand your question. 13 MS. TILLMAN: Objection, requires a legal Q When did -- when did you decide to leave your parents' 14 conclusion. You can still answer. 15 15 house, and why? THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the question? 16 16 Q (By Mr. Damich) Sure. Is it your understanding that A I mean, I knew I couldn't live there forever, so I, you 17 17 know, made a decision to purchase a home. you have to be convicted of an underlying offense to be 18 Q Okay. And then you ultimately made a decision to 18 on sex offender registry? 19 build, right? 19 A Yes. A I made a decision to purchase a home. 20 20 Q So is it fair to say perhaps the individuals didn't 21 rent to you because of your conviction? 21 Q Okay. Then you said you built a home though, right? 22 A The home was new construction, yes. 22 A I was told specifically if I'm on the registry, I would 23 23 Q So since your conviction date of 2004, is it fair to not be able to rent. 24 24 say that you have found suitable housing? Q Okay. And those -- you were told by individual 25 25 landlords? A I mean, I financed housing by purchasing a home. 19 20 A Yes. I disclosed that I was on the registry, and they Q (By Mr. Damich) Sure. I guess I'm struggling to 1 1 2 2 understand at what point in time after 2004 conviction said I would not be able to rent. 3 Q You were looking for places to rent from while you were 3 that you did not have suitable living. still in your -- in the home that you had previously 4 4 A It was a challenge to find living, and I ended up 5 moving in with my parents. 5 owned, right? 6 Q Okay. And then while living with your parents, did you 6 A Yes. 7 7 Q Okay. And then eventually you decided to go live with apply for places to live before you decided to build 8 your own house 8 your parents, correct? 9 9 Q Was there any -- was there a gap in time in there where 10 10 Q Approximately how many landlords did you talk to? 11 you didn't have a place to live? 11 A I don't -- I do not recall. 12 12 Q Okay. And these were all verbal communications? There A No. 13 Q Okay. So I guess I go back to my -- my initial 13 were no written documentation saying that you can't 14 question on why it would not be fair to say that you 14 rent if you were on the sex offender list -- or 15 found suitable living, despite your conviction in 2004? 15 registration? 16 MS. TILLMAN: Objection, asked and answered. A Yes. 16 17 But you can still answer. 17 Q So they were all verbal communications, correct? 18 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Can you repeat that 18 19 19 Q Okay. Did you -- switching gears here. Are you again? 20 20 married? MR. DAMICH: Stefanie, can you read the 21 question back, please? 21 A Yes. 22 (Whereupon the question was read back by the 22 Q How long have you been married? 23 court reporter as requested.) 23 A Since 2019.

24

25

A Yes.

Q Do you have any children?

THE WITNESS: I don't understand the

24

25

question.

6 (Pages 21 to 24)

21 22 1 Q How many? Q Do you have any siblings? 2 A Two. 2 A Yes. Q How many? 3 Q Are either of them minors? 3 4 A Three. 5 Q And how about any nieces and nephews? 5 Q How -- how -- what are their ages? 6 6 A Three and 15. A Yes. 7 Q So both children are minors. Okay. So, is this your 7 Q How many? first marriage or were you previously married? 8 8 A Four. A Previously married. 9 Q All right. Did you -- did you graduate from high 10 Q Okay. And then when -- when did your previous marriage 10 school? end? 11 11 12 Q You did not? Okay. What's the furthest level of 12 A I believe 2010. 13 Q Were you married at the time of your 2004 conviction? 13 education that you have received? 14 14 A I was not. A Master's degree. Q And your 15-year old child, is that -- I'm assuming 15 Q If you don't mind, can we kind of walk through your 15 16 education history then? I guess, let's go backwards. 16 that's from your prior marriage; is that correct? 17 17 When did you get your -- when did you get your master's Q The three-year old, is that from your current marriage? 18 18 degree? 19 A 2007. 19 Q Okay. And what's your master's in? 20 Q Do you have custody over the -- over your older child? 20 21 A Master of Science and Administration. 21 A Yes. 22 O Is it shared? 22 Q Did you have a specific focus area? 23 A Yes. 23 A Business administration. 24 24 Q Okay. And 50/50, or --Q Did you obtain an undergrad degree? 25 25 A Yes. A Yes. 23 24 Q What year was that? 1 A Yes. 1 2 2 A I'm not sure exactly the year. It was two or three Q So even though you were convicted in 2004 of your 3 3 years prior to the graduate degree. Internet sex crime, you were still able to obtain an 4 4 Q So, you went right in order from your undergraduate undergraduate degree and a master's degree after your 5 degree to your master's degree? conviction, correct? б A Yes. 6 A Yes. 7 7 Q Where did you get your undergrad degree from? Q So with that in mind, has -- has being on the sex 8 8 A Baker College. offender registration -- sex offender registry impacted

- Q So you said you didn't graduate high school. How did 9
- 10 you -- did you have any kind of education before you
- 11 went to Baker College?
- 12 A I attended ITT Technical Institution.
- 13 Q Do you remember what years those -- what year that was?
- A I do not recall.
- Q Do you remember if it was before or after 2004? 15
- A Before. 16
- 17 Q Did you get a degree or certificate from ITT Tech?
- 18 A Associate's degree.
- 19 Q Okay. And what was your associate's degree in?
- 20 A Electronic engineering technology, I believe.
- 21 Q Now, going back to your undergrad education, did you
- 22 intend -- attend in-person classes?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q Same question for your master's degree: Did you attend
- 25 in-person classes?

- 9 your ability to achieve your education?
- 10 A Thus far, no.
- 11 Q What was -- I'm sorry. What was your undergrad degree
- 12 in?
- 13 A Business administration.
- Q Were you working at the time you were convicted -- when 14
- you were convicted in 2004? 15
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Where -- what type of work did you do in 2004?
- 18 A Just counselor, like a student -- student aid
- 19 counselor.
- 20 Q So, did you work for like a university?
- 21 A A college.
- 22 Q So you would oftentimes communicate -- in that role,
- did you communicate directly with potential attendees 23
- 24 at the college you were working for?
- A Yes. 25

7 (Pages 25 to 28)

26

28

25

- 1 Q And were a lot of those individuals under the age of
- 2 18?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Were they around between the ages of 18 and 20, I would 5 say?
- 6 A I don't recall their ages.
- 7 Q Then how long did -- how long did you have your job as
- a student aid counselor?
- 9 A I do not recall.
- 10 Q Did you maintain your job after you were convicted?
- 11 A No.
- 12 Q When did you leave your job as -- as the counselor --
- 13 student aid counselor?
- 14 A After the offense.
- Q Was it like the same month, year, years, do you haveany -- do you remember?
- 17 A Same month.
- 18 Q Same month?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Were you terminated?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 O And why were you terminated?
- 23 A They were aware of everything that took place.
- 24 Q Okay. So you were -- you were -- is it fair to say you
- 25 were terminated because of your Internet sex crime?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q When you did your undergrad work, were you a full-time
- 3 student?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q So then, after you were terminated, did you -- did you
- 6 then decide to go to undergrad?
- 7 A I do not recall.
- 8 Q Do you remember how long it took you to complete your
- 9 undergrad degree?
- 10 A Two years.
- 11 Q Two years? And did you go year-round?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Did you have a full-time job while you were a full-time
- 14 student -- full-time undergrad student?
- 15 A I do not recall.
- 16 Q You don't recall if you were employed during the time
- of your education?
- 18 A Throughout the undergrad and the graduate, or just --
- 19 Q I'm happy you did -- I'm happy you asked that. Yeah,
- during your undergrad, just your undergrad.
- 21 A I do not recall. I'm not sure with the undergrad.
- 22 O Okay. So then, I guess, how did -- how did you support
- yourself financially then during your time of undergrad
- during those two years?
- 25 A My father supported me and helped me.

27

- Q So then, we're not sure whether or not you worked
- 2 during -- during your undergrad time period, which I
- 3 think -- would it be fair to say you were an undergrad
- 4 from, I think you said you went straight through from
- 5 undergrad to graduate school. So is it safe to say
- 6 that you were an undergrad in, say -- from 2005 to
- 7 2007?

- 8 A I don't -- I don't recall the undergrad, exactly what 9 the years are. I do recall more of the graduate.
- 10 Q Okay. But during that two-year time period, we're not
- sure whether or not you were employed, correct?
- 12 A I do not recall.
- 13 Q Do you remember trying to find employment during that
- time period?
- 15 A I do not recall.
- 16 Q So then, now fast forwarding -- fast forward to your --
- how about this: What was the first job you had
- 18 post-conviction?
- A I -- yes, I did have a job post-conviction. Are you asking what year, or --
- 21 Q If you can. I mean, yeah, that would be great. But,
- just trying to kind of get a run down of the jobs you
- 23 had between -- between the date of conviction and
- present day, so. To the extent you -- I don't want you
- to guess on dates, but if you can get me an

- approximation, that would be greatly appreciated.
 - 2 A Yes. It was either 2005 or 2006, I'm not sure exactly
 - 3 what it is. I don't want to --
 - 4 Q Sure
 - 5 A -- commit to a year. I'm not entirely sure, it was so
 - long ago.
 - 7 Q But you got a job, right?
 - 8 A Yes.
 - 9 Q Do you remember what the -- what the job was, what you
- 10 were hired to do?
- 11 A Yes, it -- mortgage industry.
- 12 Q What did you do for the mortgage industry?
- 13 A I was a loan officer.
- 14 Q Okay. You're thinking that's some time like in the
- 15 2005, 2006 range?
- 16 A If I had to take a guess, yes.
- 17 Q Okay. Do you remember if it was during your graduate
- school education?
- 19 A I believe during graduate school, yes.
- 20 Q How long did you stay as a loan officer with this -- in
- 21 the mortgage industry?
- 22 A I mean, I worked for several companies throughout my
- career. I'm currently in the mortgage industry.
- 24 Q Uh-huh.
- 25 A I want to say since 2005 to current.

29

8 (Pages 29 to 32)

30

32

- Q So in 2005 to current, how many different employers
- 2 have you worked for?
- 3 A All together to current, four.
- 4 Q And all of those positions were within the mortgage
- 5 industry?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Safe to say -- is it fair to say since your conviction
- 8 in 2004, you've held five separate jobs within the
- 9 mortgage industry?
- 10 A I did not say five jobs.
- Q Okay. How many jobs have you had since your conviction 11
- in 2004? 12
- 13 A Four.
- Q Do you remember how long you stayed at your first job 14
- post-conviction? 15
- A I do not recall. 16
- Q And why did you leave that job? 17
- A I wanted to secure a better position with another
- 19 company.
- 20 Q And did you achieve that goal?
- A I did. 21

25

1

- 22 Q And how long did it take you to achieve that goal?
- 23 A Well, the company that I moved up to, at the time --
- 24 now as I'm thinking, the company that I ended up moving
 - up to I believe was before I was convicted fully. I

- was going through the trial still, but, yes, I was able
- 2 to land that position with a larger company.
- 3 Q And how long did you stay with that company?
- 4 A I want to say at least a year.
- 5 Q And so then they -- was -- the difference between that
- 6 job and the previous job, there was a pay increase?
- 7 A I wouldn't say a pay increase. Just, you know, there 8
 - was more support to learn, you know, the industry.
- 9
- A As opposed to a smaller independent company. 10
- 11 Q Okay. So you stayed there for a year. Why did you
- 12
- 13 A They were bought out by another company. I did not
- 14 leave, it was just -- it was bought out under another
- 15 name.
- 16 Q And then did you stay on board?
- 17 A Yes.
- Q So then would -- did you -- would it be fair that then 18
- 19 you considered the person -- the entity that bought out
- 20 your second employer in this dialogue here would be
- 21 your third employer, three out of four employers we
- 22 talked about post-conviction?
- 23 A One, two -- yes, that would be the third.
- 24 Q Okay. And there -- they were a mortgage company?
- 25 A Yes.

31

- Q And how long were you with them?
- 2 A I do not recall.
- 3 Q Do you know if it was more than a year?
- 4 A Yes.
- Q Was it less than five years? 5
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And then why did you leave employment with that outfit?
- A I was terminated. 8
- Q When were you terminated? 9
- 10 A I do not recall the exact dates.
- 11 Q Do you know why you were terminated?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Why were you terminated?
- A Because they found out I was on the sex offender
- 15 registry.
- 16 Q And then you had mentioned a fourth position. How --
- 17 who is the fourth -- was the fourth employer also
- 18 within the mortgage industry?
- 19 A Yes.
- 2.0 Q How long of a gap between the job that terminated you
- 21 and the new position with a different mortgage --
- 22 different mortgage provider, was there, what was the
- 23 gap in time?
- A I do not recall. 24
- Q Was it -- do you know if it was more or less than a

1 month?

- 2 A I -- I'm not sure.
- 3 Q Do you know if it was more or less than a year?
- 4 A I do -- I do not recall.
- 5 Q Less than five years?
- 6 A I would say yes, less than five years.
- 7 Q Now, did you apply to this new position?
- 8 A I did not apply, no.
- 9 Q Then how did you obtain employment with this new
 - mortgage servicer?
- 11 A Are you referring to the company that bought out the
- 12 company that I was with?
- 13 Q No, the one after that.
- 14 A Oh, I -- okay. I misunderstood. So, the one after
- 15 that, you're not talking about where I'm at currently;
- 16 is that correct?
- 17 Q I don't think we got to that point yet.
- 18 A Okay. Okay. I just want to make sure.
- 19 O That's fine, no.
- 2.0 A The one after that, I did apply.
- 21 Q Okay. So you -- so after you -- so from the job that
- 22 you were terminated from, after you were terminated,
- 23 you -- you applied for your new position -- the --
- 24 another position, correct?
- A So the one -- I'm getting a little confused. I'm 25

9 (Pages 33 to 36)

34

36

33

- sorry. So the one that was bought out, I was grand-fathered in.
- 3 Q Sure.
- 4 A And then after I was terminated, I then applied for another position with another company.
- 6 Q There we go. And that's the one I want to talk about
- 7 right now, the one you applied for after you were
- 8 terminated.
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q So you did apply for this -- you did apply for that 11 one, right?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And you obviously got hired, correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Did you let that mortgage servicer know about your
- 16 conviction?
- 17 A They did not do a background check.
- 18 Q How long did you work for that employer?
- 19 A I would say two years or less.
- 20 Q Why did you leave that employer?
- 21 A I was also terminated.
- 22 Q And why were you terminated?
- 23 A The sex offender registry.
- 24 Q After you were terminated from that position, did you
- 25 find employment?

1 A No.

- 2 Q So you're currently unemployed?
- 3 A I am currently employed, yes.
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Okay. So then after -- I'll ask again: After you were
- 6 terminated from your -- the previous job we just spoke
- of, were you -- did you find employment anywhere else?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Where?
- $10\ \ A\ \ So$ there was -- there was a big gap. So I
- applied at other places and I was not offered the
- position, but I am currently employed.
- 13 Q How long have you been with your current employer?
- 14 A 12 years.
- 15 Q So that -- so you started in 2011 with your current
- employer; is that right?
- 17 A Yes

18

- Q Now, you talked about a large gap between your current
- 19 employment and your previous employment. How large of
- a gap was there?
- 21 A I would say at least two years -- two to three years.
- 22 Q What did you do during those two to three years?
- 23 A I was on unemployment.
- 24 Q And where were you living?
- 25 A I was with my parents.

35

- Q Where did you find the money to build a home?
- 2 A My current employer.
- 3 Q So you built your current home while working for your
- 4 current employer?
- 5 A Yes.

1

8

- 6 Q Okay. And so you -- is it fair to say -- if I remember
- 7 correctly you said you built your house in 2014; is
 - that right?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q So then you lived with your parents for the -- maybe
- three years while you worked for your current employer?
- 12 **A Yes.**
- 13 Q And you said during those -- you said during that gap
- period you applied for positions. Approximately how
- many positions did you apply for?
- 16 A Two.
- 17 Q So over a two- to three-year period you only applied
- for two positions?
- 19 A Approximately, yes.
- 20 Q And then your -- then your sole source of income was
- 21 unemployment?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q The two positions that you applied for, did you get
- 24 interviewed?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q Before you got interviewed, did the application ask
- 2 about any previous criminal history?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And did you answer truthfully on the application?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And they still gave you an interview?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And that's true for both potential employers that you
- 9 applied to?
- 10 A I'm not sure about the other one, if -- I don't recall
- 11 the -- I recall one distinctively because I got a
- 12 notice that they decided not to hire me. I don't
- 13 recall the other one, whether they interviewed me first
- 14 before answering the application, I do not recall.
- 15 Q I got you. And you said you received notice, was it --
- was it a phone call, was it a written letter?
- 17 A A written letter.
- 18 Q Okay. Do you still have a copy of the written letter?
- 19 A I do not.
- 20 Q Okay. I mean, to the best of your recollection, do you
- remember why they didn't hire you?
- 22 A Because of the registry.
- 23 Q Just to clarify, is it your understanding to be on the
- registry, you have to actually be convicted of a sex
- 25 offense?

PRS - Pohl Reporting Services (517)243-2695

10 (Pages 37 to 40)

37 38 1 MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Calls for legal and I don't really want to jump into that. But, as far 2 conclusions You can answer. 2 as increased responsibility from a management 3 3 THE WITNESS: Yes. perspective, did you -- do you manage individuals, are 4 Q (By Mr. Damich) Over your last 12 years -- over your you considered a more senior member of the team, things 5 5 last 12 years of employment with your current employer, 6 have you received pay increases? A Yes. I am a senior member, you know, with my tenure 7 7 there. 8 Q Uh-huh. 8 Q You've stayed at the same current rate? 9 9 A I'm in sales, so I don't --A So if that's what you're asking, I -- I would say I am 10 10 O You're not salaried? a senior member due to my tenure. 11 A I'm not salaried. Q Sure. Are there any perks of being a senior member? 11 Q Got you. Did your -- did your prospects increase over 12 12 13 the years with your current employer? In other words, 13 Q Is there increased responsibility of being a senior 14 14 were there better opportunities thrown your way to be member? 15 able to -- to be able to drum up more business over the 15 A In some instances, yes. 16 years? 16 Q All right. Is it fair to say that you have stayed 17 17 A I mean, I've created opportunities for myself. gainfully employed since your 2004 conviction? Q Sure. Have you -- have your responsibilities at your 18 18 19 current employer increased over the years? 19 Q And can you tell me why you say no? 20 20 A I was unemployed for two to three years. A I mean, I guess -- you know, with any company, you 21 21 know, there becomes increased responsibilities. I'm Q Okay. So for -- correct me if I'm wrong. It seems 22 22 not sure exactly what you're asking with that. Can you like 21 of the 23 years post-conviction you've been 23 23 be more specific? employed, right? 24 24 Q Sure. Of course, I don't know the -- you know, the A Yes. 25 25 Q Okay. During the two to three years you weren't power structure, the dynamic of your current employer, 39 40 employed, you only applied at two places, correct? 1 I'm more of a -- on the sales floor, as opposed to an 1 2 2 executive position. A Yes. 3 3 Q Okay. So was it the sex offender registry that So it hindered me from promotion within the 4 4 prevented you from only applying to two places during company, as well as missed opportunities to grow, due 5 5 those two to three years? to, again, several accounts knowing that I'm on the 6 6 A Yes. registry and not wanting to work with me. 7 7 Q Okay. And that was the sole reason you didn't apply to Q Despite not gaining those accounts, you're still 8 8 any other positions other than those two? employed by your employer though, right? 9 9 A That was the reason why I was not able to gain 10 10 employment. Q On how many occasions do you think that has happened 11 11 Q Okay. But just for that two- to three-year period, over the 12 years that you know definitively that it 12 12 correct? was because -- no one wants to do business with you 13 13 because of your prior convictions? Q Has your status as a -- and your previous conviction of 14 A That I'm not aware of, I would say at least three. an Internet sex crimes, and your status as a sex 15 Q Okay. And how many sales have you made over your last 15 16 12 years? 16 offender registrant, has it impacted your current 17 employment at all over the last 12 years? 17 A I'm not sure I understand your question. 18 A As a sex offender? 18 Q Sure. So you said that your status as a sex offender 19 O Correct. 19 has impacted your relationship with at least three 20 2.0 A Yes. opportunities, right? 21 21 O How? A Yes. 22 A I lost several opportunities with accounts that I work 22 Q So how many deals have you -- I guess, maybe the right 23 word would be -- to use here, or phrase, how many deals 23 with, Googling me, you know, knowing that I'm on the

24

25

have you closed over the past 12 years with your

current employer?

24

25

registry. So I've lost opportunities there. I'm not

able to get to an executive position with the company.

11 (Pages 41 to 44)

42

41

A Well, I don't close deals. You know, I'm not consumer

- 2 facing, so I work with other independent companies
- 3 that, you know, send business over to us. So these are
- 4 accounts that I work with that are not consumer facing.
- 5 Q Okay. So how many accounts have you successfully
- 6 handled over the past 12 years that you're currently --
- 7 at your current employer?
- 8 A I don't -- I don't recall. There's -- you know,
- 9 there's a mix up of accounts. I mean, some I still
- 10 work with. Some I still don't. You know, some have 11
- the ability to say, I don't want to work with this --12
- this guy, you know. So it just -- there's a shake up.
- 13 Q Sure. How many accounts do you currently have right 14 now?
- 15 A I would say about 20.
- 16 Q Over the past 12 years, how many accounts have you had,
- 17 an approximation? 18 A I don't recall.
- 19 Q In the life span of an account, how long does that
- 2.0 usually last?
- 21 A I mean, it can last for years. There's really no
- 22
- 23 Q Sure. So there's no way you could put an approximation
- 24 on how many accounts you say -- that you've touched 25
 - over the past five years? We know you said 20 --

25

20

44

- be related to being terminated. 1
- 2 Q Right. You are in a senior position right now though,
- 3

14

- 4 A My title is a senior because of -- you know, how long
- 5 I've been there.
- 6 Q So that's a yes, right?
- 7 MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Asked and answered.
- 8 You can answer.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Can you give me more
- 10 clarification on -- on your question?
- 11 Q (By Mr. Damich) No, I think I got what I needed.
- 12 I want to go back -- you said you -- I said you're
- 13 still considered more of a -- you're still considered a
 - -- you still have a senior position, right?
- 15 A It's a title due to my experience in the industry.
- 16 Q Okay. Is there a policy within your current employer
- 17 that you know of that you can't hold an executive
- 18 position if you have a prior felony?
- 19 A I am not aware of a policy.
- 20 Q Okay. Have you ever asked anyone higher up on how you
- 21 could become more of an executive level position?
- 22 A I did not specifically ask, but I was told by
- 23 executives that I know more on a personal level the
- reason why I'm not. 24
- 25 Q And these are executives within your current employer?

- currently 20 accounts right now. But over the past
- five years, overall, can you give me an approximation
 - of how many accounts you've handled?
- A I -- I mean, I -- I don't know exactly. I can't answer
- 5

3

- 6 Q Sure. But like an approximation. Is it more than 100?
- 7 A I would say more than 100, yes.
- 8 Q More than 200?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q So it's fair to say that you've -- that you've handled
- 11 more than 100 accounts over the past five years,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A That's -- that's a guess, but I'm not sure exactly what 14
 - it is.
- 15 Q Okay. And so you can only think of maybe three
- 16 situations where an account was lost because of your --
- 17 your status as a sex offender?
- 18 A That's what I'm aware of that were brought to my
- 19 attention. I've lost other opportunities that could
 - have been related, but was not presented to me.
- 21 Q But you have not lost enough accounts for your current
- 22 employer to fire you, correct?
- 23 A I'm not sure -- I'm not sure of -- if that is a merit
- 24 -- I'm not sure. I mean, I'm still employed, so I'm
 - not sure if that -- the amount of accounts I lose would
- 43 1
 - A Yes.
 - Q Have you ever put forth any effort to achieve an
 - 3 executive position?
 - 4
 - 5 Q Okay. What type of efforts have you put forth?
 - 6 A I mean, I've -- I have applied for positions within the 7 company.
 - 8 Q Executive level positions?
 - 9
 - 10 Q And did you get interviewed for those positions?
 - 11 A Yes.
 - 12 Q Was there a paper application before the interview?
 - 13 A No.
 - 14 Do you know why you didn't -- were you ever explained
 - 15 why you didn't achieve the executive level position?
 - 16 A Just that there were other candidates that they 17 considered.
 - 18 Q So it had nothing to do with your status as a sex
 - 19 offender?

- 20 A The interviewer did not say that --
 - MS. TILLMAN: Objection.
- 22 THE WITNESS: -- specifically.
- 23 MS. TILLMAN: I'm sorry, A.J. I'm going to
- 24 just object to this question really quick because it
- 25 calls for speculation. But you can keep answering.

12 (Pages 45 to 48)

48

45

1 THE WITNESS: The interviewer did not mention 2 that specifically.

- 3 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. But you believe that's the 4 reason why?
- 5 A I was told that, you know, that is the reason why I'm 6 not in an executive position.
- 7 Q And you were told that by a current executive?
- 8 A By a colleague.
- Q By a colleague?
- 10 A Yes.
- Q And was that colleague a hire -- the hiring employee --11 or hiring employer? 12
- 13
- Q Were they the ones making the decision on whether or 14 15 not to give you the position?
- 16
- Q Okay. Again, you're still employed by this employer, 17
- 18 correct?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Okay. Even though you -- even though you were
- 21 previously convicted of an Internet sex crime?
- 22
- Q So then with all of that said, would you say that 23
- 24 having a -- an Internet sex crimes conviction has made
- 25 finding employment more difficult for you?

A I wouldn't say the conviction. I would say the actual

- 2 sex offender registry has a bad stigma to it. And
- 3 that's precluded me from living a normal life. You
- 4 know, it's made everything in my life very difficult.
- 5 A 20-year old conviction is very forgivable.
- 6 You know, people make mistakes, and the stigma is a
- 7 sex offender registry. Right? So that's current, my 8
- picture is current. Nobody wants to take liability for 9 that. It's just -- it's a hindrance in everyone's
- 10 life, regardless of how long you've been on the
- 11 registry, and regardless of how long you've been 12
- conviction-free, to redeem yourself.
- 13 So the sex offender registry has made my life 14
- miserable. It's not my conviction, it's my sex
- 15 offender registry is the issues that I'm having since
- 16
- 17 Q Sure. Okay. So the question that I asked, I said --
- 18 the question was: Would you say that having your --
- 19 your sex offense conviction has made finding employment
- 20 more difficult?
- 21 A No.
- 22 O It has not?
- 23 A No.
- 24 Q Okay. Thank you. Do you do any extra curricular
- 25 activities outside of work?

47

- 1 A I do not.
- Q Is that by choice? 2
- 3 A That's by being restricted from the sex offender 4
- 5 Q Okay. What does the sex offender registry restrict you
- 6 from doing as far as an extra curricular aspect?
- 7 A Well, I mean, you know, I have young kids. It's hard
- 8 for me to participate in any sports, in any form of
- 9 coaching, you know, with my -- with my kids. You know,

know, schools or -- a perfect example of, if I wanted

- 10 a lot of -- a lot of public places, whether it's, you 11
- 12 to participate in sports and coaching, I'm not able to
- 13 do that.
- Q Have you ever sought out the opportunity to do so?
- 15 A I have, but I was told that since I'm on the registry,
- 16 I'm not able to.
- 17 Q Do you belong to any social clubs?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q Do you volunteer at all?
- 20 A Not currently.
- 21 Q Have you volunteered post-conviction?
- 22 A I -- yeah, I volunteered at my church.
- 23 Q Okay. So what do you do with your spare time outside
- 24 of work?
- 25 A I spend time with my family.

- Q So aside from the 2004 conviction, have you been 1
 - 2 arrested or charged with any other crimes?
 - 3
 - 4 Q I want to go back to your conviction and dig in a
 - 5 little deeper. Do you remember what age you thought
 - 6 the minor was that you were speaking to?
 - 7
 - 8 Q Did you ask the 14-year-old if -- the 14-year-old minor
 - 9 if the minor would want to engage in sex with you?
 - 10 A I do not recall.
- 11 Q Do you remember if you asked the 14-year-old minor to
- 12 engage in any kind of sexual activities with you?
- 13 A I -- I don't recall the -- the chat details.
- 14 Q Do you think a 14-year-old minor has the capacity to be
- 15 able to consent to sexual activity?
 - MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Foundation.
- 17 You can answer.
 - THE WITNESS: I'm not sure.
- Q (By Mr. Damich) You said you had a 15-year-old child, 19
- 20

16

18

- 21 A I have a 15-year-old child, yes.
- 22 Q Do you think your 15-year-old is old enough to consent
- 23
- 24 A Based on what merit? Is it their decision, my
- decision? I'm not sure. 25

PRS - Pohl Reporting Services (517)243-2695

13 (Pages 49 to 52)

49 50 1 Q I'm just asking for your opinion. Do you think a 1 asked and answered. Go on. 2 15-year-old has the mental capacity to consent to sex 2 THE WITNESS: I don't have an opinion. 3 with an adult? 3 Q (By Mr. Damich) Would you be upset if your 15-year-old 4 MS. TILLMAN: Same objection. Foundation. 4 child was having lewd conversations over the Internet 5 THE WITNESS: I mean, it's -- it's possible. 5 with a 27-year-old? 6 Q (By Mr. Damich) How is it possible? 6 A It depends on, you know, what the conversation was. 7 7 Q A lewd conversation. A I mean, it's a decision that they make on their own. Q The victim? 8 8 MS. TILLMAN: Objection, calls for a A You were asking about my 15-year-old son. 9 hypothetical. You can answer. 10 10 Q Okay. Yeah, so we'll take it out of the more specific THE WITNESS: It depends. I can't say yes or context of your son, and we'll just talk about if a 11 no. Just depends on the nature of the conversation 11 12 14-year-old victim, overall; do you think a 14-year-old 12 exactly. 13 has an ability to consent to sex with an adult? 13 Q (By Mr. Damich) Sir, if the general nature of the 14 A I'm not sure. I'm not -- I'm not -- I don't know what 14 conversation was a 27-year-old reaching out to your 15 15 15-year-old child to solicit sex, would that make you -- what they could consent to or what they will, or how 16 16 they make their decisions. I'm not sure. 17 Q Do you think it's wrong for a 14-year-old to have sex 17 MS. TILLMAN: Same objection. Asked and 18 with an adult? 18 answered. Argumentative, but you can answer. 19 A I'm not sure how to answer that question. 19 THE WITNESS: I mean, I would be concerned. Q I think it's a yes or no. I mean, do you think it's 20 Again, it depends on the nature of the conversation. 20 21 21 wrong for a 14-year-old to have sex with an adult? Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. And because of your conviction, 22 A I mean, it depends. It happens, it would be --22 you were required to register for 25 years, correct? 23 23 everyone has a different opinion on that. MS. TILLMAN: Calls for a legal conclusion --24 24 Q What's your opinion on it? excuse me -- objection. Calls for a legal conclusion. 25 25 You can answer. MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Argumentative, and 51 52 1 THE WITNESS: I'm a Tier Two currently, sex 1 So about two hours out of the year you spend 2 offender, and that requires 25 years. 2 registering? 3 Q (By Mr. Damich) And how often do you have to update 3 A So, yeah, about four to five hours a year. 4 4 your information, do you know? Q Does that include travel time and everything, like 5 A Yes. I have to report twice a year. 5 preparation, filling out the form work, all that stuff? 6 6 Q And then do you update in person? A Yes. 7 7 Q Okay. I'm going to go ahead and share -- I've been A Yes. 8 Q Okay. And where do you go to do that? 8 sharing it for a while, sorry about that. I didn't 9 9 A The police station. take that down. I'm going to go ahead and share my Q And how far away is the police station from your home? 10 10 screen again, and bring up something different this 11 A About five minutes. 11 time. 12 12 Q Since March 2021, how many times have you had to make Do you see the document? 13 13 changes to your information? 14 Q Do you recognize this document? 14 A Several times. Q Could you give me an approximation? 15 A I may have seen the document. It throws me off that it 15 16 A I do not recall. says mail-in update. 16 17 17 Q Okay. When you made those changes, did you do them in Q Right. Just by looking at this document, is this some 18 18 of the typical information that you have to report person? 19 19 A Yes. twice a year? 20 20 Q Okay. How long did you -- do you typically spend at A Yes. 21 the police station whenever you are making those 21 MR. DAMICH: Unless there's an objection, I'd 22 22 changes? like to offer this as Deposition Exhibit B. 23 MS. TILLMAN: No objection. 23 A 45 minutes to an hour. Q So is it fair to say that each year, you go twice a 24 MR. DAMICH: Thank you, Dayja. 24 25 /// 25 year, and you spend 45 minutes to an hour each time.

53

14 (Pages 53 to 56)

54

56

1 (Whereupon Deposition Exhibit B was marked for 2 identification.)

- 3 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. Back to the document we're 4 looking at, is it -- looking at the -- at Roman
- 5 Numeral I, where it says, offender information, is
- 6 there anything under that section that is confusing to you? 7
- 8 A Temporary resident information.
- Q Just Roman Numeral I, don't worry about going -- we're 10 going to go through each of these.
- 11 A Oh, okay. I understand that -- that section.
- Q Okay. So you understand what information is called for 12
- 13 under Roman Numeral I, correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Okay. Moving on to Roman Numeral II, where it says 16 temporary residence information, is there anything in
- 17 that area that you find confusing?
- 18
- O Moving on to Roman Numeral III, where it says, contact 19
- 20 information, do you see anything in that area that --
- 21 that appears confusing to you?
- 22
- 23 Q Okay. Down to Roman Numeral IV, where it says,
- 24 vehicles, is there anything there that's confusing to
- 25

1

1

- Q How about Roman Numeral V, where it says, mobile homes?
- 3
- 4 Q Okay. If you understand all of that information -- if
- 5 none of that information is confusing to you, why did
- 6 you state in your declaration that all of the changes
- 7 over the years have sort of made it hard to keep up 8
- with, and you don't know what you need to report? 9 A I think there's other pages on that document, if you
- 10 could scroll down for me. Okav. 11 You know, a lot of the explanations are confusing.
- 12 But one confusion is the reporting of vehicles, you
- 13 know. I have two vehicles, my wife drives one. I, you
- 14 know, ended up getting a new vehicle, and I don't drive
- 15 that vehicle. So when I went to report it, they said
- 16 that since I'm not driving it, I'm not required to
- 17 report it.
- 18 So I'm confused on what I'm supposed to report and 19 when I'm not supposed to report, if it's me driving the
- 20 vehicle, if it's not me driving the vehicle. I'm also
- 21 confused on the travel part out of the country. You
- 22 know, I know there's a flag on my passport, so I'm not
- 23 sure if I have to report when I travel outside the
- 24 company -- the country.
 - You know, there's confusion on -- on those parts of

55

- 1 A The local police station that I report twice a year.
 - 2 Q Okay. Is that the Michigan State Police?
 - 3 A It's not.

25

- 4 Q Have you ever called the Michigan State Police to seek
- 5 any kind of guidance on whether or not you need to
- 6 report that vehicle that you purchased?
- 7 A I was not told to -- you know, no one ever informed me
- 8 that I need to -- that I'm supposed to call them,
- 9 that's not where I report. So I would -- I presume
- 10 that wherever I report would know the information.
- 11 Q But you had ended up reporting the vehicle, correct?
- 12 A I did because I didn't want to, you know, be in
- 13 violation of the registry.
- 14 Q And has anyone from SORA -- the SORA unit, within MSP
- 15 have called you and said that you should not be
- 16 reporting that, you haven't reported and you're in
- 17 trouble?
- 18 A No.
- 19 O Okav.
- 20 A And there's frequent updates, you know. Since I've
- 21 been on the registry, there's been a lot of updates
- 22 that I wasn't aware of. I went into the police station
- 23 one time and they pulled me in the back, scared me half
- 24 to death, and they took my fingerprints. I thought I
- 25 was going to jail, and they didn't tell me the reason

duties that I have to do. So, you know, I'm always

2 concerned that I don't report correctly, and I could 3

get -- I could get in trouble for that.

- 4 Q Have you ever got in trouble for reporting incorrectly 5
- A I think I over report just to cover myself from not --7 you know, going to prison or misreporting. So I feel I
- 8 go above and beyond, even though they've told me that I 9 don't have to make certain updates, I insist that they
- 10 do just so it doesn't ever come back.
- 11 Q When you say you over report, what area do you -- have 12 you over reported in?
- 13 A I've over reported the -- the vehicles, the updates of 14 the vehicles.
- Q Why do you believe you over reported there?
- A Just because they told me I'm not -- I don't need to if 16
- 17 I'm not operating or driving the vehicle. And, you
- 18 know, it's confusing to me because I'm not sure if I'm
- 19 supposed to report the vehicles that I have in the
- 20 household, or is it just the vehicles that I'm driving. 21 I wasn't very -- clear on that, and they give me
- 22 conflicting information.
- 23 Q And, you said they, who's they?
- 24 A The law enforcement when I go to report information.
- Q What law enforcement did you go see?

15 (Pages 57 to 60)

57 58 1 whv. A A tax return. 2 But I guess there was an update to update, you 2 Q Do you recognize it as a -- as a United States 3 know, fingerprints on record. You know, there's been 3 individual income tax return? 4 so many different updates with SORA since I've been on 4 A That's what it says. 5 there since 2004. And I -- I'm not sure exactly, aside 5 Q Okay. Have you ever seen a form like this before? 6 from reporting my address or any mobile homes, and my 6 A Yes. 7 phone numbers, exactly what I'm supposed to report 7 Q Okay. Have you filed your 2022 taxes yet? 8 8 every time, and I try to keep up with all the changes. 9 Q And, so, but you have questions about what to report, 9 MR. DAMICH: Unless there's an objection, I'd 10 like to offer this exhibit as Deposition Exhibit C. 10 just to clarify, you have -- you -- the only people 11 MS. TILLMAN: No objection at the moment, but you've talked to is your local police station? 11 12 12 I'm little concerned about the relevance. A Yes. 13 13 Q Okay. MR. DAMICH: Got it. 14 (Whereupon Deposition Exhibit C was marked for 14 A I mean, I trust that they're well versed in that. 15 That's where I'm required to report, because, like I 15 identification.) 16 said, it -- I'm not sure exactly on these duties and I 16 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. If we go down to where it says 17 17 income here, I'm actually going to zoom in a little don't feel comfortable signing the forms every time. 18 But I feel if I don't, I will be in violation. 18 19 Q Okay. I'm going to go ahead and share my screen again 19 Number 11 here, what does adjusted gross income 20 20 here, bring up another document for you. 21 Can you see this -- can you see the document? 21 A What income that you're earning for the year. 22 22 O That's your understanding of adjusted gross income? 23 23 Q Do you recognize this document? A Yes. 24 24 A Yes. Q And if you had a question regarding your understanding 25 O What is this document? 25 and if what number you're reporting is correct, who 59 60

1 would vou ask?

2 A Well, I -- when it comes to these, I use a software 3 that plugs in all the numbers for me.

- Q Okay. Does that software have any kind of question and 4
- 5 answer format?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Did you use it at all when filling out your taxes?
- 8 A I mean, I've clicked on it.
- 9 Q When you say clicked on it, is it like clicked on a 10 term that you're -- or a term that they're asking you
- 11 for a figure from to fully understand what that term
- 12 means?
- 13 A No, I just -- I've clicked on it just to see what pops 14
- Q Okay. Not because you didn't understand it? 15
- A Correct. 16 Q Okay. You said you have joint custody, correct, with 17
- 18 one of your children?
- 19 A Yes.
- 2.0 Q If you were -- if you had questions about what to do
- 2.1 with a child care tax credit and who gets it, who would 22
- 23 A I don't ask, I use a software that, you know, asks me
- 24 if I have a dependant, and it does everything for me.
- 25 Q Okay. If you look at where Line H under income, where

- 1 it says other earned income, to see instructions, do 2 you know what other income is? 3
 - MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Calls for a legal conclusion, but you can go ahead.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I would presume that it -- it's 6 income outside of my W-2 income.
- 7 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. If you had a question about 8 whether this -- something is other earned income, would 9 you ask about that or would you just guess at a number?
- 10 A I don't have any other earned income, so it's not 11 applicable.
- 12 Q Okay. Do you -- do you understand that you have a
- 13 different understanding of what's earned income than 14 other individuals can?
- 15 A I can't answer that. I'm not sure what other 16 individuals think about, you know, other income.
- 17 O Sure. If there's -- but if you ever had any questions
- 18 about this stuff, you understand that there's
- 19 professionals out there for you to call and ask about,
- 20 correct?

- 21 A I guess if -- if I'm doing business with a professional 22 that's handling it for me, then, yes.
- 23 Q Okay. Wouldn't you agree that there's some terms on a 24 tax return that might seem vague to the normal layman,
- 25 they'd have to look it up?

16 (Pages 61 to 64)

61 62 1 MS. TILLMAN: Calls for speculation. Q What kind of car are you in right now? 2 Objection. Calls for speculation. Apologies. 2 A SUV. 3 THE WITNESS: There could be vagueness in the 3 Q What's the make and model? 4 4 A A Cadillac. 5 MR. DAMICH: Okay. Do you mind if we take a 5 Q And the model? 6 five-minute break? 6 **A XT6.** 7 THE WITNESS: Sure. 7 Q What year? 8 MR. DAMICH: Thank you. Should we come back A 2021. 9 at like -- how about let's do 10:50. 9 Q Do you own it? 10 THE WITNESS: Okay. 10 A No. (Brief recess.) Q You lease? 11 11 Q (By Mr. Damich) Sir, how much do you make a year? 12 12 Q Yes. 13 A Well, I'm in a sales position, so, you know, I'm paid 13 A How many square feet is your home right now? on commission. I don't have a salary. 14 14 A About 3,000. 15 Q Okay. For 2022, how much did you make? 15 Q How many cars do you have? 16 A I don't know. It's a multi-six figure. 16 A Two. 17 Q Multi-six figure? 17 Q What's the other car that you own? 18 A Uh-huh. 18 A I lease -- I lease the other car. COURT REPORTER: Is that a yes? You said 19 Q I'm sorry, and what's the other car that you lease? 19 20 20 uh-huh. A A Cadillac. 21 THE WITNESS: Yes. 21 O What's the model? A It's an Escalade. 22 Q (By Mr. Damich) Would you say more than 200,000? 22 23 A Yes. 23 Q What year? 2.4 Q More than 500,000? 24 A '23. 25 A No. 25 Q Do you own any recreational vehicles? 63 64 1 A No. A No. 1 2 Q Okay. Do you have a boat? 2 Q Have you ever made more than \$750,000 in a year? 3 3 A No. A No. Q Do you belong to any country clubs? Q How about half a million? 4 4 5 5 A Yes. 6 Q Is this the first year that you had -- is 2022 the б Q How many years have you done that? 7 7 first year that you had a multi-six figure salary? A I don't know, maybe a couple of years. 8 8 A No. Q Okay. You said made over \$500,000 over a couple years, 9 Q When did you start making multiple six figures? 9 correct? 10 A Several years ago. I'm not -- I'm not sure exactly the 10 A Yes. 11 11 Q All right. Sorry if I asked this already: Have you 12 Q Would you say more than ten years ago? 12 made over 750? 13 A No. 13 A I have not. Q More than five? 14 Q Okay. How about over 600? 15 A Yes. 15 Q Do you remember how much you made -- what was the most 16 16 Q I'm going to go ahead and share my screen here. Give amount you made in your previous position? 17 17 me a second. 18 A I do not recall. 18 Can you see the screen? Q Do you know if it was over, say, 50 grand? 19 19 A I do see the screen. 20 A I -- I don't recall. 2.0 Q Okay. Now, what this document is here, it's a summary 21 Q Okay. How about over the past five years, you have 21 of -- you'll see that in the second column, it's a 22 made more than six figures for those years, right? 22 listing of facts from some judicial rulings regarding 23 some various criminal sexual conduct cases. And I was 24 Q Have you ever made more than a million dollars in a 24 going to have -- I'm going to have you read through 25 year? 25 some of the facts and scenarios, and I'll have some

17 (Pages 65 to 68)

65 66 questions for you, if that's okay. 1 it depends if they're a risk. I don't know, if they're A Uh-huh. 2 2 still a risk. It just depends. 3 3 Q Okay. Q Assuming this individual was lined up to babysit your 4 MS. TILLMAN: Scott, before you jump in, can I 4 child, would you want to know this information? 5 just put our same general objections? 5 A It depends. 6 MR. DAMICH: I was waiting for it. 6 Q Depends on risk? 7 MS. TILLMAN: Appreciate it. So, 7 A Yes. I mean, nowadays anyone can land on the registry, 8 8 notwithstanding the Court's order allowing the use of so it -- it depends. 9 9 this exhibit, we would just like to place a global Q So what's your -- how do you -- how do you assess risk? 10 10 objection on the use of this exhibit and the line of A I assess risk with --11 questioning associated with this exhibit as irrelevant 11 MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Lack of foundation. 12 12 and improper. Thank you. But you can keep answering. THE WITNESS: With being on the registry for 13 MR. DAMICH: Noted. Thank you, Dayja. 13 14 Q (By Mr. Damich) If you look at number six here, could 14 over 20 years and not have offended as -- and getting 15 15 you read that fact scenario for me? Just read it to an evaluation by a licensed professional that says 16 16 yourself, and let me know when you're done. And let me you're no risk. 17 17 Q (By Mr. Damich) So you think you -- you'd have to know know if you need me to zoom in at all or anything. 18 18 from a licensed professional whether or not this person 19 19 Q Okay. Would you want to know if this perpetrator lived was a risk before you would decide if you would want to 20 2.0 know this information? next door to you? 21 21 A I guess it depends on if they're still a risk. A Yes. I would want a licensed professional, and, you 22 22 O If they're still a risk, would you want to know that know, their history of reoffending. That's how I would 23 23 make a determination. this perpetrator lived next door? 24 A I mean, it -- it depends. I mean, that's -- I don't 24 Q Is it your belief that time lessens risk? 25 25 MS. TILLMAN: Objection, calls for a legal -know anything aside from -- from reading that. I mean, 67 68 1 he's not an expert, so lack of knowledge to answer this 1 wrong way, you're on the registry. So it just depends. 2 2 Q This perpetrator though, I don't think there was question. 3 3 anything about urinating in public. So I just -- you But you can answer. talked about different levels of risk. What are those 4 THE WITNESS: Yeah, time -- time tells. 4 5 Q (By Mr. Damich) At what point do you believe that this 5 6 perpetrator here in the fact scenario that you just A I -- I don't know. There's -- there's, you know, 7 7 read would no longer be a risk? different levels of -- of risk based on, you know, what 8 -- what crimes have been committed and different 8 A You know, it depends on if he's gotten an evaluation 9 that says he's not a risk. It depends on how long 9 evaluation. And, like I said, based on how long 10 10 they've been on the registry for. So it -- it just they've been on the registry. I mean, do they have a 11 11 depends. track record of these type of offenses, was it a 12 12 Q Okay. If you'd read number eight. one-time scenario, was it a -- a miscommunication? 13 13 I don't know. There's -- there's different factors Q Okay. Would you want to know if this perpetrator lived 14 that I would look at as far as risk. 15 next door? 15 Q Okay. And assuming all those factors in your risk 16 A Again, you know, it's based on if they're still a risk. 16 evaluation were met, would you want to know that this 17 information lived next door -- want to know that this 17 How long they've been on the registry, if they've re--18 reoffended. It depends. 18 perpetrator lived next door? Q Assuming they're still a risk, would you want to know 19 19 A Again, it depends on the risk factor to me. I -- you 20 20 this information? know, like I said, I'm sure there's people next door to 21 2.1 A I believe there's different levels of risk, so I'm not other people that, you know, have a good relationship 22 -- again, it depends on if there's other factors that I 22 with their neighbors, and there's no issues, so. 23 Q So absent a risk evaluation, this individual is not a 23 would consider. Like I said, nowadays if you urinate 24 24 risk in your opinion? in public, you could be on the registry, so I'm not 25 A Yup, because it -- they could have been on the registry

25

sure. I mean, I feel that if you look at someone the

69

18 (Pages 69 to 72)

70

72

for 30 years and not reoffended and gotten evaluated

- and they say that there's no risk. 3 Q If you could read number 13.
- 4 A Okay.

1

2

- 5 Q Would you want to know if either of these perpetrators
- 6 lived next to you?
- 7 A This -- in this scenario, they -- I don't think they 8 would be living next to anyone, so it -- I don't think 9 that's a realistic scenario.
- 10 Q Okay. Let's assume there is a realistic scenario and 11 this individual is potentially moving in next door. Is 12 this information you would want to know?
- 13 A I mean, if they're next door at that -- in that 14 instance, then they would be no risk.
- 15 Q Why would -- okay. So how did you come to the 16 conclusion they'd be no risk if they lived next door?
- 17 A Because based on what I'm reading, you know, if they 18 were in a house next door to me, you had asked me, you 19
- know, where I lived, what square footage my home was, 20 they would be no risk if they were living next door to 21 me.
- 22 O Are you saying these type of people don't live next to 23 you? Are you saying they're in a different financial
- 24

4

5

6

7

8

9

12

13

14

25 A I'm not sure if they do live next to me or not. But,

- you know, again, when I read these scenarios, you know,
- 2 there's no definitive answer. Everyone has 3
 - circumstances, there's different factors.
- 4 So everything for me depends on where they're at 5 today, how long ago it was, were they evaluated. You
- 6 know, to me, if someone was at a high level risk, they
- 7 probably would be incarcerated for the rest of their
- 8 lives. I think he would be living in a jail cell and
- 9 not next door to me.
- 10 Q Okay. But, then, this scenario I asked you, the
- 11 question is assuming this individual lives next to you,
- 12 would you want to know this information?
- 13 A And I'm going to repeat myself. And I'm going to say 14 it depends.
- 15 Q Okay. If they're still a risk, right?
- 16 A It depends if they're still considered a risk.
- 17 Q So if -- imagine it's the first year this individual is 18
- 19 A Well, I don't know their history before that. I don't 20 know who -- you know, what individual, like who the 21 person is, so it depends.
- 22 Q But you knew that one -- you knew at least one of the
- 23 individuals participated in a situation where a
- 24 female's pants were ripped open, pulled down and her
- 25 legs were forced apart. And a skinny man then sexually

71

1 penetrated her vagina with his penis, ejaculating inside of her.

2 3

Do you think a year within the correction facility -- one year removed from corrections, this person would no longer be a risk?

> MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Argumentative. You can go on.

THE WITNESS: I believe that -- that crime as you describe, they would be in prison for life.

10 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. Assuming they're not in prison 11 for life, and that they move in next door to you.

MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Hypothetical -calls for a hypothetical.

But you can answer.

15 THE WITNESS: I mean, it's hypothetical.

16 That's not a real life scenario. That's not realistic.

17 Q (By Mr. Damich) Is it something that you'd want to 18 know?

MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Asked and answered. 19 20 You can go on.

21 THE WITNESS: I mean, I don't -- like I said, 22 it just depends, you know, if they're still a risk.

- 23 Q (By Mr. Damich) If you could read number 22.
- 24 A Okav.
- Q Would you want to know if this individual was living 25

1 next to you?

- 2 A If they're a high risk, I don't feel that they would be
- 3 living next to me. I just -- I don't -- I guess I
- 4 don't agree with what you're asking me because I don't
- 5 know their entire history. I don't know if they've
- 6 been evaluated. I don't have all the information to
- 7 want to know if, you know, that person is living next 8 to me.
- 9
- Q So you're saying you don't have enough information to 10 be able to make a decision on whether or not you'd want 11 to know if this person was living next to you?
- 12 A Yeah, I don't -- I don't know their entire history. I 13 don't know who they are.
- 14 Q Right. So these facts alone -- these facts alone that 15 you read, it really doesn't bother you that much to
- 16 know?

17 MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Argumentative.

18 THE WITNESS: I'm just not faced with these situations. That's not real life for me. I've never 19

20 been put in that situation, so that -- that's why I

- 21 said, to me it's -- I've never had to deal with
- 22 anything like that, so I can't make judgment or know
- 23 their entire history, or, again, if they're, you know,
- 24 deemed a --a risk. I mean, that -- that's how I could
- 25 answer this for you.

19 (Pages 73 to 76)

74 73 1 Q (By Mr. Damich) If you could read number 29. A No, it wouldn't. It wouldn't, because I -- it's 2 A Okav. 2 basically playing out a scenario that, you know, 3 Q Would you want to know this information if this 3 something happened, but I don't see -- I mean, unless 4 individual was to be one of your children's teachers? 4 I'm missing something, was this -- was it one person's 5 A If it -- if there was a conviction and it was a 5 words -- word over the other word? Again, there's 6 teacher, then they wouldn't be a teacher. So, again, 6 other factors to me as well. So it just -- it depends. 7 7 Q Do you think the sex offender registry protects the this is irrelevant to me as far as answering that 8 8 public in any way? question. It's not realistic. 9 Q Would you want to know if this -- how about if this 9 A No. individual got a job as a -- a tutor, and they offered 10 Q Why not? 10 their own service as tutors. Would that be something 11 11 A Well, the sex offender registry today is not the same 12 you'd want to know before you sent your child there 12 as it was intended when they first brought it out. 13 13 for tutoring? Now, like I said, anyone -- if you look at someone the 14 MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Calls for a 14 wrong way, you could end up on the registry. So I hypothetical. 15 15 don't agree with -- you know, that everyone on the 16 You can answer. 16 registry is -- is a bad person, or it would protect 17 THE WITNESS: Well, there would be no reason 17 anyone. I don't think it would stop anyone from doing 18 for me to try to dig further and figuring out if a 18 anything, just because they're on the registry. person that I chose would do something like that to --19 19 You know, looking at, you know, facts, you know, 20 to my -- to one of my kids. Like I said, there's a lot 20 most people that, you know, offend are people that the 21 of different factors there for me, and... 21 victim knows, like a family member. I wouldn't say 22 22 O (By Mr. Damich) Would this -- would this scenario play that people on the registry, you know, I don't see that 23 any -- would it have any relevance at all on your 23 -- it would affect anyone in any kind of way just by 24 decision on whether to use that individual as a tutor 24 being on the registry. I don't see the dynamic behind 25 25 or not? being on a registry as protecting any citizens at all. 75

76

Example, myself. I mean, I'm no harm to anyone. I come to work every day, I'm with my family. I haven't had a -- any -- I haven't reoffended for 20 years. And, I look at myself as an instance, and I am not a harm to anyone. So no one has to fear me.

So, I don't think -- I think it's ineffective and I think it's punishment and it's unconstitutional of people's rights. So I think it's very ineffective.

9 Q Okay. So you don't believe it protects the public?

10 A No.

1

2

3

4

5

б

7

8

18

25

11 Q Okay. Do you think the sex offender registry may 12 encourage victims to come forward?

A No. 13

14 MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Calls for speculation. 15

Q (By Mr. Damich) If victims come forward to report sex 16 17 crimes, does that protect the public?

MS. TILLMAN: Same objections.

19 THE WITNESS: It may or may not.

20 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. You said it may. How could it?

21 A I'm not entirely clear if it would or, you know, I

22 haven't -- I'm not a professional to dig into data as

23 far as how it could or could not prevent any sex

24

I just feel that people on the registry are not

necessarily at risk, because, like I -- from everything

2 that I've read or looked into, it's more of -- of

3 family members that are perpetrating these, people that

4 they know and not necessarily people on a registry.

5 Q Is it your opinion there's a substantial amount of 6 under reporting of sex crimes?

7 A I'm not sure.

8 Q Okay. So then what -- what relevance does it have --9 does it have in your analysis here of the closeness of

10 relationships between the victim and the perpetrator?

11 A That people on a registry, just because they're on a 12 registry doesn't mean that, you know, it's going to

13 protect citizens out there, because someone -- because

14 they could look someone up on a registry.

15 Q I think the question was if victims come forward to 16 report sex crimes, does that protect the public?

17 A I don't know if it will affect the public or not if 18 they report something that has happened to them. I

19 don't know if it will.

20 Q Okay. Have you contacted a member of the Michigan 21 legislature to inquire about changing the sex offender

22 registration law?

23 A Recently or at any point? I'm not -- I'm not sure.

24 Q At any point.

A About changing the -- the sex offender registry law? 25

20 (Pages 77 to 80)

77 78 O Uh-huh. of the changes -- some of the changes could be made by A I don't recall if I have or not. 2 mail? A I -- I'm not sure. I've always had to report, take Q Do you know whether Governor Whitmer has the power to 3 4 change the sex offender registration law? time out of work, and drive in the report face-to-face. 5 MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Lack of personal 5 Q Now, if you didn't have to take time off of work to 6 knowledge. 6 report face-to-face, do you think that would be less of 7 But you can answer 7 a burden? You would just have to mail in the 8 8 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure if she has the information? 9 9 A No, it wouldn't be less of a burden. It's still -- I 10 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. Do you understand that there's 10 feel like I'm on parole because I have -- the simple 11 three separate branches of government within Michigan? 11 fact that I have to report, whether I have to do it via 12 The executive, the judicial, and the legislature --12 mail or in person. So it -- in both instances, it is a 13 13 legislative branch? Q Okay. So, let's just focus on just like the actual 14 A Yeah, but I don't know exactly what their roles are or 14 15 what they have the ability to do. 15 physics of it all. 16 16 Q Do you know who writes the laws out of those three A Uh-huh. 17 entities? 17 Q Would it be less burdensome for you to mail in the 18 A I'm not sure. 18 information as opposed to taking time off work and Q Okay. Do you know whether Colonel Gasper has the power driving to the police station? 19 19 to change the sex offender registration law? 2.0 20 MS. TILLMAN: Same objections. 21 21 Q It wouldn't take less time, you wouldn't save time? 22 THE WITNESS: I do not --22 A It would be a burden. 23 MS. TILLMAN: Go for it. 23 Q Getting stamps or envelope? What would be the burden? 24 THE WITNESS: No. 24 A Well, just, you know, publishing the information and 25 25 Q (By Mr. Damich) Did you know under the new law, some sending it in. Regardless, both of them are burdens 79 80 Q And you also just testified that you have to take time 1 1 for me. 2 Q Do you think one is less than the other from a physical 2 off of work in order to go make some of those updates 3 3 and to go register and things like that? standpoint? 4 4 A Physical, you know, currently what I'm doing now is, 5 5 you know, I've got to take time off of work and go and Q Have you had to take time off of work on more than one 6 occasion to do that? 6 sit for an hour. So as far as like, you know, taking 7 7 time off of work and mailing it, it's still a burden, 8 8 Q Gotcha. And then, also, I want to talk a little bit -but it's less time. 9 9 Q Okay. just go back a little bit to some of the conversations MR. DAMICH: All right. That's all I have for 10 10 you were having with Scott earlier about your 11 11 employment. now. 12 12 MS. TILLMAN: Perfect. Do you mind if I do a So you mentioned that you had been fired from two 13 13 couple of follow up questions? jobs because of the registry, correct? 14 MR. DAMICH: I'd be happy -- yeah. 14 15 MS. TILLMAN: For sure. All right. And I 15 Q So starting out with the first instance, how did they 16 think I don't need any time. 16 find out you were on the registry? 17 17 A So a coworker had Googled me and found out that I was I think I can just go right into them if 18 you're ready, A.J. 18 on the registry. And they sent an anonymous letter, 19 19 MR. DAMICH: Sure. you know, with my photo to my employer. And as a 20 20 THE WITNESS: I'm ready. result, I was terminated. 21 21 **EXAMINATION** Q Gotcha. And in the second instance, how did they find BY MS. TILLMAN: 22 22 out you were on the registry? Q Perfect. So you earlier testified that it takes you 23 A Same -- same scenario. You know, it's very easy to 23 24 about four to five hours to go register every year? 24 Google someone and look them up, specifically if you 25 25 work with people that, you know, want to get to know A Yes.

21 (Pages 81 to 84)

82

84

81

1 you. And same instance where, you know, they made a 2 decision that I wasn't a good fit for their company and

- 3 they terminated me as well.
- 4 Q Gotcha. And then just to pivot a little bit more, you
- 5 also earlier testified that you spent three years on
- 6 probation following your conviction?
- 7 A Yes.
- Q And how often did you have to see your probation 8 9 officer at that time?
- 10 A Well, at first it was -- it was very frequent. I want
- to say at first it was weekly. Same thing, I had to 11
- take time out, I had to drive. I just -- again, I felt 12
- 13 out of place, but I believe it was initially every
- 14 week.
- 15 Q And at that time, did you have to report to your
- probation officer if you changed your address or your 16
- 17 job or anything like that?
- 18
- 19 Q And while you were on probation, were you also on the
- 20 sex offender registry?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 O And in your opinion, which experience was worse for
- 23
- 24 A Well, I don't think there's anything worse than being
- 25 on the registry.

- Q And can you --
 - 2 A I --
 - 3 Q Go for it. I interrupted you.
 - A Yeah. You know, when I initially took the plea, you
 - 5 know, there -- there were no online photos. So, you
 - 6 know, that has really hurt me over the years. It was
 - 7 something that was not -- I didn't agree to, and then
 - 8 after I was on the registry, they took a photo of me
 - 9 and then posted it after. At that point I was still on 10 probation.
 - 11 Q And can you explain if you -- in any ways that you
 - 12 haven't already, explain how the registry has been
 - 13 worse for you than being on parole?
 - 14 A Well, you know, I feel like I am on parole. My life is
 - 15 very restrictive. It's -- you know, I've lost a lot of
 - 16 friends. My wife has lost a lot of friends when she
 - 17 married me.
 - 18 There's always judgment. You know, people Google
 - 19 me all the time. I lose, you know, opportunities,
 - 20 friends, family. You know, it's been a struggle to get
 - 21 where I'm at right now, and I'm always in fear because,
 - 22 you know, if I lose this opportunity where I'm at, I'm
 - 23 going to be back to square one in trying to rebuild my
 - 24 life, you know, to find employment, to find housing. 25
 - I'm the only source of income, and if for some

- 1 reason I get terminated again, a third time, then I'm
- 2 not going to be able to support my family and I will
- 3 lose everything like I did before. 4
 - My 15-year-old, all his friends found out, and, you know, he's lost friends. None of them come over. You
- 5 6 know, they taunt him all the time. You know, I'm in
- 7 fear of, you know, traveling anywhere. It's just -- I
- 8 can't be part of their sports and coaching and things
- 9 of that nature. Just it's -- it's hindered me since
- 10 2004.
- 11 Q And one of my final questions for you, as a condition
- 12 of your probation, did you ever have to get any type of
- 13 risk assessment and individualized review or anything
- 14 like that?
- 15 A I did, it was part of my probation to get a risk
- 16 assessment. Of course, I passed with flying colors.
- 17 And then two to three years ago I took it upon myself 18 to get a risk assessment, and I have the report that
- 19 says I'm not a risk.
- 20 MS. TILLMAN: Gotcha. No more questions from
- 21 me.
- FURTHER EXAMINATION 22
- BY MR. DAMICH: 23
- 24 Q How many -- how many days did you take off so far this
- 25 year from work to report?

- A I've -- so at least, you know, twice -- twice a month 1
 - 2 to take off. And then like I said, if, you know, I try
 - 3 to over disclose so it -- in the instance where I said
 - 4 I bought a new car, that was outside of my reporting.
 - 5 So I've had, any time I lease a vehicle that comes
 - 6 to lease, I have to go back and report that outside of
 - 7 my typical reporting days. I -- my work, my employer
 - 8 is probably about 45 minutes away from the police
 - 9 station. So I have to take off early to get to go back
 - 10 and forth for reporting.
 - 11 Q The question was: In the past year, how many times
 - 12 have you gone to report?
 - 13 A Well, I -- I report twice a year.
 - 14 Q Okay. So how many times this year have you gone to
 - 15 report?
 - 16 A 24 times, 25 times.
 - 17 Q This year?
 - 18 A Well --
 - 19 O Just this year.
 - 2.0 A Oh, this year? So, where are we at? I reported twice.
 - 21 Q Okay. So you've taken two days off work so far to
 - 22
 - 23 A Yes.
 - Q How many times did you take off last year to report? 24
 - A About five or six. 25

85

22 (Pages 85 to 88)

86

88

1 Q Okay. Do you take time off to go to the Secretary of 2 State's office?

3 A Yes.

- 4 Q Okay. So you say on average maybe four -- you say --5 give me on average how many times you go to report, you
- 6 have to take time -- on average throughout a year, how
- 7 many days do you have to take off of work to go report?
- A Probably like four to five times.
- Q So you've purchased and leased new cars that often?
- 10 A No, I don't.
- Q So why are you going more than the two times annually? 11
- 12 A I guess if -- if I -- on a year I go twice -- I go
- 13 twice a year, so, unless I have to update something
- 14 outside of that. So maybe two to three times.
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 A That I have to take off.
- Q You were on probation for three years, right? 17
- 18 A Yes.
- Q Did you have to take drug tests during then? 19
- A Yes. 20
- Q How often? 21
- 22 A I don't -- I want to say once a month.
- Q Does the sex offender registry require you to take drug 23
- 24 tests?
- 25 A No.

Q Part of the terms of your probation, were you required

- 2 to speak with your probation officer even before
- 3 applying for a new job?
- 4 A I do not recall.
- 5 Q Okay. Do you remember having to talk with your
- 6 probation officer at all about new employment?
- 7 A I don't -- I don't recall. They -- I think some of the
- 8 terms, if I remember correctly, is I had to be employed
- 9 or find some kind of work, I believe. I'm not entirely 10 sure.
- 11 Q So does SORA require you to work?
- 12 A No. It does not require me to work.
- 13 Q Okay. Were you tracked at all while you were on
- 14 probation?
- 15 A Trapped?
- 16 Q Tracked. T-r-a-c-k-e-d, sorry.
- 17 A Oh, okay. Sorry.
- 18 Q No, that's okay.
- 19 A Can you be more specific?
- Q Yeah, did you have to wear an ankle bracelet? 20
- 21 A I did not.
- 22 Q You didn't? Did you have any kind of tracking device
- 23 on you at all?
- 24 A No.

87

25 Q Did you have to talk to your probation officer before

1 you left the state?

- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Okay. Does SORA require you to contact MSP or the SORA
- unit if you're going to decide to go to Ohio today? 4
- 5 A I -- that's -- I'm not clear on that because it
- 6 mentions traveling. I'm not sure exactly who do I --
- 7 who I report that to, if it's MSP -- I believe it's
- 8 MSP.
- 9 Q Did your probation officer have the right to come into
- 10 your home any time he or she wanted to?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Okay. Does SORA give MSP the right to come into your
- 13 home at any type?
- 14 A They -- they -- they have come to my home.
- 15 Q Okay. The question was: Does SORA give MSP the right
- to enter your home at any time, like your probation 16
- 17 officer had right to?
- 18 MS. TILLMAN: Objection. Calls for legal
- 19 conclusion and personal knowledge that the witness does
- 20 not have.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure, but I feel that
- 22 they can enter my home.
- 23 Q (By Mr. Damich) I guess I'm just confused on how
- 24 probation -- your comment that being on the registry is
- 25 worse than being on probation,

1 I mean, SORA doesn't require you to go get drug

2 testing. SORA doesn't allow any kind of officer to

3 just enter your house whenever. I guess, if you could 4 just elaborate on how the two -- how one outweighs the

5

8

21

6 MS. TILLMAN: Objection, argumentative --7

excuse me. I interrupted you.

MR. DAMICH: That's fine.

9 THE WITNESS: So probation is three years. So 10 I was convicted in 2004, so that would have let me off

11 of probation in 2007, which I wish that was the case 12

with SORA, because then we wouldn't have this 13 conversation right now.

14 But SORA is very restrictive. I'm on it for 15 life, so I'm on parole for life. So there's struggles

16 every day with SORA. I -- if I don't abide by the 17 rules with SORA and I violate, I go back to prison.

18 After the third year of my probation, unless I

19 reoffended, you know, there's -- really, it's a

20 non-issue.

> With SORA, I'm on parole for the rest of my life, or until the 25 years. So there's constant

22 23 reporting, there's consistent lookups. You know, it --24

it's a completely different ball game, and I -- and I 25 think you would agree.

23 (Pages 89 to 92)

89 90 Q So you believe you're on parole right now? 1 don't mind, I appreciate your time and giving me this 2 A I am on parole. 2 opportunity. You know, you see how I'm dressed. You 3 Q Who's your parole agent? 3 know, I got a three-piece suit. I dress like this 4 A SORA -- SORA is my parole agent. The law enforcement 4 every day, I'm a professional, just like you. I'm over 5 that I report to every year, you know, jeopardy of 5 here just trying to make a living for my family. 6 losing my job, all that -- all those are my parole 6 I made a huge mistake 20 years ago, and I 7 agents. Any harm done to my family, those are all 7 haven't reoffended, you know. You asked me income 8 8 questions. You asked me, you know, things I do with my parole agents to me. You know, the damage that it's 9 caused -- caused for almost 20 years are parole 9 family. I am no risk, you know. And, you know, I know 10 10 Michigan recently celebrated a clean slate. It's all agents. 11 MR. DAMICH: I don't have any further 11 over the media that they're giving people second 12 questions. Dayja? 12 chances. You know, they understand people have made a 13 13 MS. TILLMAN: All good on my end. mistake and they know that, you know, there's opportunity for people to work. 14 MR. DAMICH: Sir, thank you so much. I 14 15 really appreciate you taking the time today. And, you 15 There's -- they know that there's opportunity know, I wish you all the best. 16 16 for people to find housing. And it's just better for 17 We'll do our best to look at the transcript. 17 our community to give people a second chance. So I 18 I think there's going to be some things you identified, 18 just feel there's no pathway off, and people that are 19 and areas like that. And I just did it deserving of it should -- should be off the registry, I think 19 20 again. So, we'll have to redact it. 20 you know. 21 21 But, otherwise, seriously, though, thank you And I just -- like I said, I hope, you know, 22 22 for taking the time out of your day. I really you would reconsider that and try to help people that 23 appreciate it. I wish you all the best. Have a great 23 deserve to be helped and not, you know, hurt them for 24 24 the rest of their lives, including -- including their day. 25 25 THE WITNESS: I appreciate you, Scott. If you families. 91 92 1 So I just wanted to put that out there and 2 thank you for being a part of this and giving me the CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY - COURT REPORTER 3 opportunity to -- to speak with you. 4 MR. DAMICH: I appreciate that. If I'm ever STATE OF MICHIGAN) 5 in a position where I get to make the laws, I'll take that into consideration. But, for the time being, just 6 COUNTY OF CLINTON) 7 enforcing what's there. I appreciate it, and we -- you I, Stefanie S. Pohl, a Notary Public in and 8 know, good luck with everything. So thank you. for the above county and state, do hereby certify that this 9 (Whereupon both counsel agreed to mark and transcript consisting of 92 pages stenographically reported 10 attach Deposition Exhibit D and the deposition is a complete, true and correct record of the testimony of 11 was concluded at about 11:46 a m.) A.J. held in the case on Thursday, May 11, 2023. 12 I also certify that prior to taking this 13 deposition and by agreement of counsel, A.J. was duly sworn remotely to tell the truth. 14 I also certify that I am not a relative or 15 employee of an attorney for a party or financially 16 interested in the action. 17 18 166 Ericald 19 20 Stefanie S.) Pohl CSR #5616 21 Notary Public, Clinton County, 22 Michigan 23 My Commission Expires: 6/21/25 24 25